

MINE AND GEOLOGICAL ENGINEER WHOM VILLA CHASED OVER BORDER

Oscar Miller Says Geological Formation at Promontory Point Is Such as to Make Large Bodies of Paying Ore at Water Level a Certainty—Surprised Development Work Had Not Been Started Long Ago.

The whine of a bullet passing close by is an unpleasant experience, starts a cold chill running up and down the spine in equatorial weather, arrests the attention for the time being and, proportionately speaking, nine times out of ten, causes the human target, provided he is one, to think about preparedness—especially for the hereafter.

Imagine how still more unpleasant would be a repetition of that experience, occurring within a very short time after the first disturbance of emotions in which the ones representing fear and caution are given full leeway for expression. Only in the second awakening, the senses respond more freely to the outside influence manifesting its proximity in lead spattering against a jagged stone delicately at the foot of which you may be performing consistently and laboriously with pick and shovel.

"The second experience makes you sit up and take notice," said Oscar Miller, mining and geological engineer, late of Mexico, but now of the Promontory Point district. "Naturally you glance about, cautiously, to ascertain the direction from which the bullets are coming. If they stop coming you may stretch your neck with a degree of safety; but as a labor saving device and not to be too severe in testing the elasticity of tissue, it would be well to note the manner in which the lead pellets struck. If they hit at right angles, allow the eye to follow the imaginary horizontal line indicated. It may terminate in the cactus clumps on yonder knoll, not far in the distance. Then concentrate the gaze on the spot for a spell. Hypnotism will play its part. Some sort of animal life will manifest its presence there.

Mexican Bandit. "A big, broad sombrero, about the size of the ordinary storm cloud is seen to rise above the tops of the cactus plants, then another and another. Each one is supported by a Mexican, wearing a smiling countenance. Occasion for alarm has departed; you feel relieved as well as reassured. The Mexican has come to pay you a visit. It may be for a sinister purpose, but the danger element of his presence has been eliminated. After the Mexican pays his respects, he gathers his tribute and departs, but not until he has warned of the consequences of adopting the granger tactics in your address of welcome, which is an address, apparently without words, but in which the sentences are punctuated with dots and dashes, periods, colons and semi-colons, etc., made by lead shot with sufficient force to leave its desired impress."

This is an exposition of the Mexican character as depicted by Mr. Miller, who by living among them in



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I had to show for my efforts in the seventeen months, Villa having expected \$3,900 as tribute, or his 25 per cent. In the belief that I would have to fight my way to civilization, I strapped two heavy Colts revolvers about my waist and carried a neat supply of ammunition. This precaution proved a godsend. When I reached open space, I saw many robber bands, as tride horses that had been hard ridden, and was compelled to hide under rocks and in cactus clumps to avoid discovery, for discovery would have meant death.

"Fortunately, I did not come in contact with any of the bands; but I was compelled to fight a duel with a lone rider. The fact that I am an expert marksman, having on many occasions shot a jack rabbit through the head with a revolver at a distance of 85 yards when the rabbit was on the run, came in good stead. The Mexican and I exchanged only a few shots, when the Greaser dropped an arm to his side, and dug his spurs into his horse's side. The animal wheeled under his guidance and galloped in an opposite direction. I do not know that I hit the Mexican, but I am certain that if the bullets I fired at him came as close to him as the ones he fired came to me, he was not at all comfortable, and was as delighted as I was at parting.

Was Without Food. "With the bandit danger passed I was confronted with new and increasing dangers. Perhaps these were only imaginary woes, but at that they were sufficient to make me decidedly uncomfortable. Long before I reached Chihuahua City, about 250 miles from my mining claim, my food supply became exhausted. And it was here where my knowledge of the Mexican character proved an aid. Almost all Mexicans are hostile toward Americans. Like the ancient enemies, the dog and the cat, they seek to avoid meeting each other, but the Mexican, like the dog, will not overlook an opportunity to give the cat a run for his money and generally there is some fling in the process. I can say this about the Mexican, however, that he is your confidence and he is your friend while you are looking at him. Turn your values over to his care, should you be a guest at his hut, and he will guard them as zealously as a shepherd dog guards his master's flock. There is a great deal of similarity between the Mexican and the shepherd dog. They are both animals, partially human, and the animal nature sometimes asserts itself. A dog will play safety first, at times, and turn on his master. A Mexican will stick you in the back, if he has sufficient provocation, or if he responds to the influence of a 'Ladrona,' which, translated from the Spanish, means outlaw. Although he will never admit that he attacked you, the same Mexican, provided you come out of it alive, will congratulate you on your achievement and thank the 'Holy Mary' that you escaped—that you outwitted what seemed certain death.

Putting On Bold Front. "I'll admit that imposing yourself onto a Mexican with a rifle to his shoulder for a night's lodging with a meal or two thrown in for hospitality's sake is rather a shaky business, but I summed up courage, because hunger demanded it. The bold front together with the fact that I shouted 'Amego' saved me from a grave in the sand. If you don't believe a Mexican will shoot, just stand out a few paces before a rifle leveled from his shoulder and say the word. The Mexican is rarely a bluffer. By instinct he will pull the trigger.

"Although I was willing to pay for my lodging and grub, the Mexican who sheltered me the first night was reluctant to share his cabin with me. But I finally induced him to do so. I handed him my money belt, after paying him the amount he asked in advance. The next morning, I found my belongings just as I had left them and his rifle standing on the butt at the head of my bed, a rudely constructed bunk. When I ventured out into the open he told me that 'Ladrones' had been at his house the day previous and ordered him to kill every Gringo that came in sight. I shook hands with him, bade him farewell and went on my way in response. But I got away safely and considered I had played in luck. Approaching Chihuahua City, I found the Mexicans more hospitable. They had seen Villa passing, but they did not treat his commands to 'kill all Americans' seriously, fearing the approach of some stronger force. I was as near exhaustion when I reached Chihuahua City as I ever want to be, and then the Mexicans and Americans gathered around me to tell the story of the raid on Columbus. The atrocities committed there were not surprising, but the fact I had encountered Villa after he had been the leader of a massacre of American citizens, daring to cross the international boundary line to do so, made me shudder. I shudder yet when I am reminded of the narrow escape I had.

From Mexico to Utah. "It was the lure of gold that led the engineer to barbarous Mexico. After he completed his education in a Pennsylvania university, Miller, who was then a full fledged geologist and mining engineer, started for the western country. He found and located mining claims in Montana and still holds property there. For seven years after 1902, he was engaged by the government in geological survey work and that capacity was drawn all over the intermountain west. Then he went to Mexico, remained there several months and returned the second time. Driven from the country below the Rio Grande, he heard of the Promontory strike and straightway started for that district.

"You can hardly imagine how surprised I was to find such a great mineral belt as is that constituting the Promontory district," he said. "I was even more surprised to note that the district had not been developed before. There is an abundance of ore in the ground there which can be extracted without any great cost. I repeat the mineral is there and it is to be found in paying quantities. The main body of the ore is to be found at water level or the level of Great Salt Lake, which lies to the west. The mineral that is being taken from the ground now, is from purely surface ores and, while it is paying big dividends, the money received now will not compare with that to be derived in the future. Systematic development by getting at the main body will prove my statements. The Lakeview company has found leads to the main body and the holders soon will be reaping the profits for the laborers and outlay."

Mr. Miller said the ore now being

mined is what is known to geologists and mining engineers as oxides and carbonates and that the main body of ore all over the whole Promontory district would appear in enormous quantities.

"There is not a section of the entire district that can not be made a big dividend paying proposition with an expenditure of only a comparatively nominal sum," the engineer continued, "and for the interest of the community and especially of Ogden, which has the natural location for shipping center, nothing should be allowed to stand in the way of immediate and consistent development operations. With Promontory Point once placed on the basis of a large ore producing mining district, Ogden will reap its share of the profits.

Included in the list of various companies which have property in the Promontory district, and which are following the lead of the Lakeview company in developing work are the Grand View, Cedar Ridge, Red Lodge, Little Valley, Indianola, Jayhawk, Independence, Blue Rocks and others.

Society

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CIVIC LEAGUE.
The Civic league will meet with Mrs. Philip W. Knisely, Wednesday, June 21 at 3 p. m., when all members are urgently requested to be present.

ON TRIP EAST.
Miss Charlotte Stallings and Olive Belnap left during the week for the east. Miss Stallings will enter the Chicago university and Miss Belnap will enter the Art Institute of Chicago.

ANNUAL PICNIC.
The Home Culture club's annual picnic will be held at Lagoon, Thursday, June 22. A delightful day is anticipated.

GUEST OF HONOR.
Mrs. James A. Chrisman of Green River, Wyo., was guest of honor at a party given last Friday evening, by her parents, Dr. and Mrs. P. A. Cook, 553 Twentieth street.

ST. JOSEPH'S SEWING SOCIETY.
The St. Joseph's Sewing society will hold its next meeting in the church parlors next Thursday afternoon, June 22. This will be the last meeting of the summer months.

FROM SALT LAKE CITY.
Mrs. J. D. Sullivan of Salt Lake City is in Ogden visiting for a few days, the guest of friends.

FIELD DAY.
The Ogden Conservatory of Music will hold its annual field day at Liberty park, Monday, June 19. A general picnic will be the main feature of entertainment.

FROM KANSAS.
J. R. Lawson of Hutchinson, Kan., and Miss Marion Mohler of Ottawa, Kan., motored from their respective cities to Ogden and visiting at the homes of J. F. Lawson and Alberta Mohler in this city.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED.
Mr. and Mrs. Adam L. Peterson announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Ollie Mae Peterson, to Mr. J. Pierce Graham, the wedding to be solemnized next Wednesday, June 21, in the Salt Lake temple.

SILVER BEE CLUB.
The Silver Bee club met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Dunham. Those present were: Mesdames Holland, Eggleston, Coppock, Calvert, Kramer, Hopson, Harris, Dana, Vicks, Cray, Ransom, Wilson, Trorlicht, Preece, Hanson, Dunham and Hains. The club will meet again June 28th with Mrs. Dana 767 Twenty-seventh street.

AT WEBER ACADEMY.
Last evening Professor T. Earl Pardee presented Miss Ellen Sowercroft in a reading of the noted comedy, "We Are Seven," this recital having been postponed from last Friday a week ago. Miss Sowercroft has already established a reputation as a reader of no mean ability, her interpretations of the comedy last evening were exceptionally pleasing. A large and appreciative audience heard Miss Sowercroft's reading. Tonight the following program will be given, the readers being first year students:

"A Study in Dialect"—Ellen W. Warner.
"Salome Jane's Kiss"—Lula Heninger.
The Sleep Walking Scene from "Macbeth"—Ramona Jensen.
Act 1 of "The Mollusc"—Blanche Rhees.
Act 1 "The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary"—Mary Storey.
The recital will begin at 8:15 o'clock and the public is invited to attend.

DENTON-MEYER WEDDING.
Wednesday evening, June 12, Rev. George F. Lowe, pastor of the First Baptist church of Ogden, performed the marriage ceremony for Miss Katharine M. Denton of Buffalo, New York, and J. O. Meyer, prominent local fireman of station No. 1. The wedding occurred at 2781 Grant avenue and was witnessed by a few friends of the couple. The bride wore a lovely dress of white, lace trim and satin.

Following the ceremony a nicely prepared luncheon was served, covers being laid for Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Meyer, the bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McFarland, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Critchlow, Miss Critchlow, Mr. and Mrs. F. Law and Mr. L. A. Meyer. The bride and groom were surprised about ten o'clock when Fire Chief Graves and the firemen of Central Station No. 1 made a record run to the Stillwell terrace and extended their congratulations. The chief and his band of braves were the recipients of cigars and fruit punch.

Mrs. Meyer, formerly of Buffalo, N. Y., has been employed at the W. H. Wright & Sons company for the past fifteen months. Mr. and Mrs. Meyer will make their home in Ogden.

CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC.
Several years ago, a few enthusiastic musicians and music lovers conceived the idea of a musical conservatory for Ogden. Its object was to raise the standard of instruction in music in Ogden city, to afford opportunity for such advantages as are enjoyed by students in eastern European schools of music—within its possibilities—to encourage talent and

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During the school year, monthly musicals were given by the faculty and at the term end of ten weeks pupils recitals were given.
The Flower festival given by the children will long be remembered and a field day is yet to be enjoyed.

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